

Recidivism Rates* within One and Two Year Follow-up Periods for All Felons Paroled to California Supervision California Department of Corrections Released from Prison for First Time in 2002¹ By Principal Commitment Offense						
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled	Returned to Prison Within: ²				
		One Year			Two Years ³	
		Number	Percent ⁴		Number	Percent ⁴
Murder First (old law)	0			0		
Murder First (new law)	3	0		0	0	
Murder Second (old law)	0	0		0	0	
Murder Second (new law)	1	0		0	0	
Manslaughter	328	75	22.87%	33	108	32.93%
Vehicular Manslaughter	151	22	14.57%	11	33	21.85%
Robbery	2,564	975	38.03%	376	1,351	52.69%
Assault/Deadly WP	2,633	1,013	38.47%	342	1,355	51.46%
Attempted Murder First	7	1		0	1	
Attempted Murder Second	191	55	28.80%	19	74	38.74%
Other Assault/Battery	3,712	1,542	41.54%	475	2,017	54.34%
Rape	241	68	28.22%	27	95	39.42%
Lewd Act With Child	1,075	219	20.37%	77	296	27.53%
Oral Copulation	93	33	35.48%	7	40	43.01%
Sodomy	17	7		1	8	
Sexual Penetration with Object	59	21	35.59%	6	27	45.76%
Other Sex	960	442	46.04%	145	587	61.15%
Kidnapping	132	38	28.79%	14	52	39.39%
Burglary First	1,739	748	43.01%	237	985	56.64%
Burglary Second	3,343	1,591	47.59%	439	2,030	60.72%
Grand Theft	1,605	638	39.75%	216	854	53.21%
Petty Theft With Prior	3,202	1,540	48.09%	416	1,956	61.09%
Receiving Stolen Property	1,714	932	54.38%	201	1,133	66.10%
Vehicle Theft	2,562	1,453	56.71%	311	1,764	68.85%
Forgery/Fraud	1,637	579	35.37%	201	780	47.65%
Other Property	350	141	40.29%	51	192	54.86%
CS Possession	8,001	3,748	46.84%	1,070	4,818	60.22%
CS Possession for Sale	5,772	1,739	30.13%	654	2,393	41.46%
CS Sales	2,027	614	30.29%	196	810	39.96%
CS Manufacturing	1,193	229	19.20%	94	323	27.07%
CS Other	336	146	43.45%	42	188	55.95%
Hashish Possession	26	14	53.85%	2	16	61.54%
Marijuana Possession for Sale	621	209	33.66%	64	273	43.96%
Marijuana Sale	252	76	30.16%	29	105	41.67%
Marijuana Other	76	23	30.26%	4	27	35.53%
Escape	82	42	51.22%	17	59	71.95%
Driving Under Influence	1,508	355	23.54%	163	518	34.35%
Arson	148	58	39.19%	23	81	54.73%
Possession Weapon	2,151	1,017	47.28%	293	1,310	60.90%
Other Offenses	1,673	669	39.99%	241	910	54.39%
TOTAL	52,185	21,072	40.38%	6,497	27,569	52.83%
* See back page for definitions and formula						
¹ First releases to parole include those paroled for the first time from prison on a new admission to prison and paroled for the first time following return to prison with a new court commitment.						
² Returns to prison on new court commitments following discharge on this parole are not included.						
³ Returns within two years include returns within one year.						
⁴ Percentages not computed for less than 20 releases to parole.						

Recidivism Rates* within One and Two Year Follow-up Periods for Female Felons Paroled to California Supervision California Department of Corrections Released from Prison for First Time in 2002¹ By Principal Commitment Offense					
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled	Returned to Prison Within: ²			
		One Year		Two Years ³	
		Number	Percent ⁴	Number	Percent ⁴
Murder First (old law)	0				
Murder First (new law)	0	0		0	
Murder Second (old law)	0	0		0	
Murder Second (new law)	0	0		0	
Manslaughter	21	2	9.52%	3	14.29%
Vehicular Manslaughter	20	3	15.00%	4	20.00%
Robbery	118	34	28.81%	50	42.37%
Assault/Deadly WP	138	40	28.99%	57	41.30%
Attempted Murder First	0	0		0	
Attempted Murder Second	8	2		3	
Other Assault/Battery	186	54	29.03%	69	37.10%
Rape	1	0		0	
Lewd Act With Child	11	4		5	
Oral Copulation	1	0		0	
Sodomy	0	0		0	
Sexual Penetration With Object	2	0		0	
Other Sex	20	8		12	
Kidnapping	5	1		2	
Burglary First	114	40	35.09%	56	49.12%
Burglary Second	444	125	28.15%	184	41.44%
Grand Theft	301	77	25.58%	104	34.55%
Petty Theft With Prior	611	195	31.91%	279	45.66%
Receiving Stolen Property	186	80	43.01%	105	56.45%
Vehicle Theft	165	67	40.61%	93	56.36%
Forgery/Fraud	480	112	23.33%	174	36.25%
Other Property	55	16	29.09%	22	40.00%
CS Possession	1,046	369	35.28%	502	47.99%
CS Possession for Sale	655	145	22.14%	219	33.44%
CS Sales	255	62	24.31%	87	34.12%
CS Manufacturing	119	18	15.13%	23	19.33%
CS Other	64	16	25.00%	20	31.25%
Hashish Possession	3	0		0	
Marijuana Possession for Sale	21	7	33.33%	7	33.33%
Marijuana Sale	16	4		7	
Marijuana Other	4	0		0	
Escape	12	1		5	
Driving Under Influence	77	17	22.08%	25	32.47%
Arson	17	7		9	
Possession Weapon	45	22	48.89%	26	57.78%
Other Offenses	135	33	24.44%	45	33.33%
TOTAL	5,356	1,561	29.14%	2,197	41.02%
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Recidivism Rates* within One and Two Year Follow-up Periods for Male Felons Paroled to California Supervision California Department of Corrections Released from Prison for First Time in 2002¹ By Principal Commitment Offense					
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled	Returned to Prison Within: ²			
		One Year		Two Years ³	
		Number	Percent ⁴	Number	Percent ⁴
Murder First (old law)	0				
Murder First (new law)	3				
Murder Second (old law)	0	0		0	
Murder Second (new law)	1	0		0	
Manslaughter	307	73	23.78%	105	34.20%
Vehicular Manslaughter	131	19		29	22.14%
Robbery	2,446	941	38.47%	1,301	53.19%
Assault/Deadly WP	2,495	973	39.00%	1,298	52.02%
Attempted Murder First	7	1		1	
Attempted Murder Second	183	53	28.96%	71	38.80%
Other Assault/Battery	3,526	1,488	42.20%	1,948	55.25%
Rape	240	68	28.33%	95	39.58%
Lewd Act With Child	1,064	215	20.21%	291	27.35%
Oral Copulation	92	33	35.87%	40	43.48%
Sodomy	17	7		8	
Sexual Penetration with Object	57	21	36.84%	27	47.37%
Other Sex	940	434	46.17%	575	61.17%
Kidnapping	127	37	29.13%	50	39.37%
Burglary First	1,625	708	43.57%	929	57.17%
Burglary Second	2,899	1,466	50.57%	1,846	63.68%
Grand Theft	1,304	561	43.02%	750	57.52%
Petty Theft With Prior	2,591	1,345	51.91%	1,677	64.72%
Receiving Stolen Property	1,528	852	55.76%	1,028	67.28%
Vehicle Theft	2,397	1,386	57.82%	1,671	69.71%
Forgery/Fraud	1,157	467	40.36%	606	52.38%
Other Property	295	125	42.37%	170	57.63%
CS Possession	6,955	3,379	48.58%	4,316	62.06%
CS Possession for Sale	5,117	1,594	31.15%	2,174	42.49%
CS Sales	1,772	552	31.15%	723	40.80%
CS Manufacturing	1,074	211	19.65%	300	27.93%
CS Other	272	130	47.79%	168	61.76%
Hashish Possession	23	14	60.87%	16	69.57%
Marijuana Possession for Sale	600	202	33.67%	266	44.33%
Marijuana Sale	236	72	30.51%	98	41.53%
Marijuana Other	72	23	31.94%	27	37.50%
Escape	70	41	58.57%	54	77.14%
Driving Under Influence	1,431	338	23.62%	493	34.45%
Arson	131	51	38.93%	72	54.96%
Possession Weapon	2,106	995	47.25%	1,284	60.97%
Other Offenses	1,538	636	41.35%	865	56.24%
TOTAL	46,829	19,511	41.66%	25,372	54.18%
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DEFINITIONS AND FORMULA

Recidivist: A felon who returns to prison for any reason during a specified follow-up period.

Return to prison: Includes felons who are returned to Substance-Abuse Treatment-Control Units in correctional facilities; returned pending a revocation hearing by the Board of Prison Terms on charges of violating the conditions of parole; returned to custody for parole violations to serve revocation time; or returned to prison by a court for a new felony conviction.

Release period: A calendar year.

First release to parole: The first release to parole for felon with new admissions and parole violators returned with a new term (PV-WNT).

Recidivism rate: The ratio of the number of recidivists to the number of felons at risk of recidivating during a particular period.

$$\text{Recidivism Rate}_{(\text{observation period})} = \frac{\# \text{ of recidivists}_{(\text{observation period})}}{\# \text{ of felons at risk of recidivating}}$$

For example:

$$\text{Recidivism Rate (during year xxxx)} = \frac{26,092}{60,179} \times 100 = 43.35\%$$

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